

Torrance, California
June 26, 1951

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, June 26, 1951, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

All persons present participated in the salute to Our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Karlow moved the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12th be accepted and approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Mayor called on City Engineer Joseph for his report and recommendation on the bids for the Seaside Heights Sewer project. He reported that Northwest Excavating Company, the low bidder, was a responsible concern and capable of doing the work. Councilman Spelman moved the report be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. The City Engineer presented a resolution awarding the contract and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2188

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVING OF BINDEWALD ROAD AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS IN SAID CITY, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE SEASIDE HEIGHTS SEWER DISTRICT, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF SAID AWARD.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2188. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard called for the opening of bids on the Library Building for North Torrance. City Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following:

Bidder	Bid
Gilbert J. Martin	\$ 10,946.00
Richard H. Meine	11,878.00
Mayo Construction Co.	12,347.00

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<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Homes of Tomorrow, Inc.	\$ 13,439.81
Carter-Mack Builders	13,950.00
Knud B. Weirum	12,000.00
Robert C. Drendel	13,500.00
Brewer-Webb Construc. Co.	12,775.00
Walter Wiitanen	10,454.00

Councilman Spelman moved all bids be received and referred to the City Manager and City Engineer for analysis and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale asked that the record show Walter Wiitanen as low bidder.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had arrived for the third and final hearing on Planning Commission Case No. 213. City Manager Stevens read the published notice and briefly reviewed the case for the benefit of the Council and audience, and reported no communications, either for or against the proposed zoning, had been received. Oral communications were called for. There being none, Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the zone changes recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Truman Browne advising he would sell 5 acres of Tract 16832 at \$3,000 per acre for a park site. Councilman Spelman moved that Mr. Browne and Mr. Carpenter, Recreation Director, be invited to attend the next agenda meeting for a discussion on the matter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Civil Service Board recommending approval of request by Don Lemen for 3 months leave of absence without pay. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from the Board of Education requesting surfacing of the shoulders of Plaza del Amo and diagonal parking. A brief discussion was had on the matter and City Manager Stevens advised he thought such resurfacing could be included in the program. Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Petition from members of the Police and Fire Departments requesting wage increase as of the new budget year. Councilman Spelman moved the petition be discussed at the next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Copy of a letter addressed to the City Manager, on behalf of the members of Local 1135, C&CEOC, CIO, requesting salary increase for all employees, City financed health insurance, and change in 5-step plan. Councilman Karlow moved the letter be referred to the next agenda meeting for discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried. Councilman Drale moved a meeting be held with the committee from Local 1135 as early as possible. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Request from Mrs. Nora Lopez to occupy house trailer on Lot 31, Block 2, Meadow Park Tract, until a house can be built. Councilman Karlow moved the usual 90-day permit be granted, providing a building permit is issued. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Offer of \$2,500 from S. O. Whitman for Lot 1, Tract 298 (SW corner of Andreo Ave. and Santa Fe Ave.) for the purpose of erecting a church. Councilman Blount moved the communication be referred to the next agenda meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman. Following brief discussion, Councilman Blount amended his motion by referring the communication to the Planning Commission for its recommendation. Motion carried.

Claim for damages in the amount of \$10,000 by Opal Miller on behalf of her minor son, George Greer, made against the Board of Education and City. Councilman Drale moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from Standard Oil Co. to relocate certain refueling facilities at the airport under its lease agreement. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the proposal. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried after City Manager Stevens explained the changes would better serve the airport and would not give Standard Oil any exclusive rights.

Audit proposal submitted by Cotton & Browne in the amount of \$1,400 for the year 1951-52. City Manager Stevens recommended the contract be awarded to Cotton & Browne. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the City Manager submitting the proposed budget for 1951-52. Following brief discussion, Councilman Drale moved the proposed budget be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That James Hall, having successfully served his probationary period as City Attorney, be permanently appointed to the position, effective June 16, 1951.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. That Jack Weaver be appointed to serve his probationary period as Automotive Mechanic, effective June 1, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position.

Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. That a temporary appointment be made in the Street Lighting Department during the leave of absence of Don Lemen.

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Oswald Bros., Contractors, for resurfacing Cravens, Arlington and Post Avenues, and other work, the sum of \$11,428.58, in accordance with the terms of the contract. (State Gas Tax Funds)

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AWARD OF BIDS:

1. That the bid of Northwest Excavating Company, who submitted the low bid for the installation of sewers in the Seaside Sewer District, in the amount of \$65,885.83, be accepted and all other bids be rejected.

(Contract awarded earlier in the meeting)

2. That the bid of George Green, who submitted low bid for the collection and disposal of garbage and non-combustible

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refuse, in the amount of \$2,395 per month basic bid, be accepted and all other bids be rejected. Mr. Green's bid is \$8,640 per year lower than the other bid submitted. Further, that the contract be awarded for a 3-year period for the reason that the bid is very favorable and based on today's costs.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. That the bid of Signal Oil Company, who submitted the lowest bid for gasoline, in the amount of 15.52¢ per gallon for regular and 17.52¢ per gallon for premium grade delivered in truck and trailer, be accepted and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. That an agreement be entered into with the Torrance Herald for legal publications for a 1-year period, at the same price per column inch as has been paid during the past year.

Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. That an agreement be entered into with the County of Los Angeles for the operation of the Torrance Library for the year 1951-52, in accordance with the budget estimate submitted by them in the amount of \$16,319.

Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

1. 15-minute Parking Zone in front of Vurp's for Post Office patrons.
2. 213th Street:
 - a. One-Hour Parking on south side from Border to Western Avenues.
 - b. One-Hour Parking on north side from Pacific Electric railroad to Border Avenue
 - c. No Parking on north side from Western Avenue to Pacific Electric tracks.

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read titles to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2189

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CONDITIONAL PERMIT TO W.
E. KILGROE.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2189. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2190

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CONDITIONAL PERMIT TO MRS.
EMMA BOWEN.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2190. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2191

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING GRANT DEED FROM JOHN F. AND HATTIE J. CAVANAUGH TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2191. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2192

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A NEED FOR A PARKING AUTHORITY TO FUNCTION IN SAID CITY.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2192. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 558

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING EMPLOYMENT OF PRISONERS ON PUBLIC WORKS, WAYS AND EQUIPMENT.

Councilman Drale asked that this Ordinance be referred back to the City Attorney for a definition of "public works". The City Attorney stated the purpose of using the term was to give wide latitude and that if the Council wished to limit it, the matter should be discussed at the next agenda meeting so he would know exactly what the Council had in mind. Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 558 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

ORDINANCE NO. 560

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 280

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 560 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked what had happened to Ordinance No. 557 and Councilman Blount stated he had asked that it be deferred for discussion at the next agenda meeting as he had received many protests.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens reminded the Council the next agenda meeting would be on July 3rd.

Councilman Blount moved the Mayor appoint a Citizens Committee at his earliest convenience to sponsor the campaign for the coming water bond election and recommended the committee include representatives from industry, labor, merchants, churches, social organizations, etc. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

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Councilman Blount submitted the name of Charles Schultz to fill the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission. Councilman Drale asked that the City Attorney give a clarification on the method of appointment to the Commission and a brief recess was called while the ordinance was obtained. Meeting reconvened at 9:10 and City Attorney Hall quoted from the ordinance as to appointment to the Board. No action was taken.

Councilman Blount also moved that \$40,000 from the Public Works Fund of the current budget be set aside for the purchase of 3 buses. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Karlow and Spelman. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Haggard. Councilman Drale moved that bids be called for on the purchase of the buses. Councilman Blount, stating the charter required the calling of bids for such purchase, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale submitted the name of Dan Desmond to fill the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission.

Councilman Drale, following a statement about purchases being made outside the City at a greater cost than would have been paid locally, moved that all purchases outside the City which are not necessary be stopped immediately. Discussion between members of the Council and City Manager Stevens followed. There being no second, the motion was declared lost.

Councilman Spelman moved that someone have the Flag in the Council Chamber cleaned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow asked about replacing the tattered Flag at the little triangle between Sartori and Cabrillo. Chief Stroh replied that a new one -- which had to be purchased out of town -- would be flying on Wednesday.

There being no further business, Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:25 p.m., on motion of Councilman Spelman and seconded by Councilman Drale, meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE